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Improved Disaster Risk Management for Caribbean Ports – Phase 2



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1. Political Dialogue



Strengthen Inter-American port dialogue as the **only permanent inter-governmental forum** at the highest level.

2. Capacity Building



Promote and **enhance management and technical capabilities** of port officials and personnel.

3. Technical Assistance



Assist Member States on port matters or **specific projects** upon request and in line with CIP-OAS mandates.

4. Private Sector Collaboration



Promote **win - win partnerships** with private sector to foster **strategic alliances** among relevant port stakeholders.

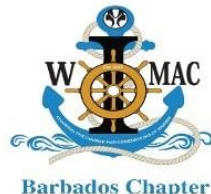
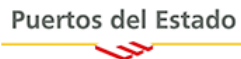




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Resources and Documents



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Logistics, Innovation, and Competitiveness	Port Security and Protection	Sustainable Port Management	Port Legislation, Public Policy, and Regulation	Waterways, Inland, and Cruise Ports	Port-City Relation, Social Responsibility, Gender Equality
<u>Compilation of Best Practices: Logistics, Innovation, and Competitiveness</u>	<u>Contact Data Base of Port Facility Security Officers in the Americas</u>	<u>Guide to Environmental Certification and Sustainability Reporting for Ports of the Americas</u>	<u>Essential Elements for Port Legislation</u>	<u>Information Bulletin on Waterways, Inland and Cruise Ports</u>	<u>Guide to Tackling Harassment in the Waterway Transportation Sector</u>
<u>Study on economic and competitiveness gains from the adoption of best practices in intermodal maritime and road transport in the Americas</u>	<u>Compilation of Best Practices, Handbooks, and Guidelines: Port Security and Protection</u>	<u>Compilation of Best Practices: Sustainable Port Management and Environmental Protection</u>	<u>Compilation of Best Practices, Documents, and Studies: Port Legislation, Public Policy and Regulation</u>		<u>Information Bulletin: Port-City Relation, Social Responsibility, Gender Equality</u>
<u>Comparative Study on Maritime Port Concession Management Systems in Latin America and the Caribbean</u>	<u>Risk Analysis Matrix for Port Facility Security Officers</u>	<u>Information Bulletin on Sustainable Port Management</u>			
<u>Information Bulletin: Logistics, Innovation, Competitiveness</u>	<u>CIP Model Emergency Operations Plan (MEOP) for Ports in the Caribbean</u>				

Why Ports Matter to Disaster Risk Management



CIP-OAS & BPI Regional Table-Top Exercise, Bridgetown 2023

- Ports are critical infrastructure for DRM.
 - Ports are **front-line infrastructure** during hurricanes and storms.
 - Damage to port infrastructure can significantly disrupt national emergency response.
 - **Climate-resilient port design and management** enhances business continuity.
- *Resilient ports are critical assets to efficient DRM.*
- *CIP Model Emergency Operations Plan for Caribbean Ports (MEOP), available [here](#)*

Inter-Agency Coordination in Port DRM

- DRM in ports relies on **cooperation** among:
 - National Port Authorities
 - Coast Guard / Port Police
 - National Disaster Agencies
 - Public Health
 - Customs and Immigration
 - Tourism Authorities
 - Private Sector, etc.
- Inter-agency coordination ensures:
 - **Unified** emergency and incident response
 - **Harmonized** security protocols
 - **Faster** intelligence sharing
 - **Stronger** crisis communication



CIP-OAS & PATT Regional Table-Top Exercise, Port of Spain 2024

→ *Joint operations strengthen overall critical infrastructure protection and resilience.*

Improved Disaster Risk Management for Caribbean Ports – Phase 2

Purpose:

- Strengthen disaster risk management (DRM) capabilities in Caribbean Port and Maritime Authorities and reduce impacts of **natural and anthropogenic hazards** on port operations.

Goal:

- Support economic growth in the Caribbean and improve business continuity in ports.

Why It Matters:

- Maritime transport = **80%+ of global cargo trade**
- **95% of Caribbean exports** depend on ports
- Ports are critical for jobs, trade, and regional development in the Caribbean region



Cargo operations at the Port of Bridgetown, BPI 2025

Key Activities:

- Develop **Regional DRM Coordination Framework**
- Host regional workshops for stakeholder input & best practices exchange
- Conduct tabletop exercises to test the coordination framework

Impact:

- Enhances regional coordination
- Promotes consistent emergency response
- Builds a more resilient Caribbean port sector



CIP-OAS & PAJ Regional Table-Top Exercise, Kingston 2023



Cruise vessel at the Castries Cruise Port, SLASPA 2025

Partners and Stakeholders:

- **CSA (financial support)**
- National Port Authorities
- CDEMA
- GSD
- Hudson Shoreline
- PMAC,
- OAS Risk Management Section
- USCG



Port of Port of Spain, PATT, 2024

- ✓ Caribbean-wide **survey** to assess regional DRM coordination gaps and opportunities
- ✓ Development of the Draft Regional DRM Framework for stakeholder input
- ✓ Presentation of initial findings at the CSA Executive Meeting, May 18 & 19, in Curaçao



- Conduct regular multi-hazard risk and vulnerability **assessments**
- Expand **joint DRM training** across port, tourism, and emergency agencies
- Develop and implement **coordinated, multi-agency emergency preparedness, response, and recovery plans**
- Invest in **climate-resilient and disaster-resistant port infrastructure** and operations



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→ Visit www.portalcip.org for Port Resilience resources and documents [here](#)

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